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SUBJECT: R/V ENDEAVOR CLEARANCE REQUEST, 31 JUL - 24 AUG
1978

1. R/V ENDEAVOR, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF JAN MAYEN ISLAND, SPITSBERGEN, AND BJORNOYA ISLAND. GENERALLY, THE RESEARCH INVOLVES THE MOHNS AND KNIPOVICH RIDGES. THE PURPOSE IS TO DREDGE SEAFLOOR BASALTS TO STUDY THE HISTORY OF THE FORMATION OF OCEAN RIDGES AND SHALLOW OCEANIC VOLCANIC PLATFORMS. DATA TO BE COLLECTED INCLUDES ROCK SAMPLES, MAGNETICS, BATHYMETRY, SEISMIC REFLECTION AND REFRACTION DATA.

2.(A) THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. JEAN-GUY SCHILLING OF URI. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2-3 NORWEGIAN SCIENTISTS AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH GON.
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DR. SCHILLING HAS WRITTEN TO DR. OLAV ELDHOLM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OSLO AND HAS INVITED HIM OR ONE OF HIS STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE. ENDEAVOR WILL HAVE 14 U.S. SCIENTISTS ABOARD.

(B) ENDEAVOR'S CAPTAIN IS HERBERT P. BENNETT, JR. WITH A CREW OF 12. ENDEAVOR IS 291 GROSS TONS, 177 FT. LONG, AND

HAS AN 18 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WVFQ AND SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ.

3. IN JULY ENDEAVOR WILL BE CONDUCTING A SIMILAR SURVEY SOUTH OF ICELAND. THE SHIP WILL MAKE A PORT CALL AT REYKJAVIK ON APPROXIMATELY 29-31 JULY AND THEN CONTINUE THE SURVEY ARRIVING IN BERGEN ON 24 AUG. A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING PLOTTED. THE SHIPPING AGENT IN BERGEN IS GRIEG TRANSPORT, P.O. BOX 245, BRYGDEN 8, CABLE EXPIDITER, TEL 217-650, TELEX 42094.

4. EQUIPMENT WILL INCLUDE ROCK DREDGES, SEISMIC REFLECTION AND REFRACTION SYSTEMS, AND A MAGNETOMETER.

5. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V ENDEAVOR TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN NORWEGIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD 31 JULY - 24 AUG 1978. CLEARANCE IS ALSO REQUESTED FOR THE PORT CALL SCHEDULED IN BERGEN FOR APPROXIMATELY 24-27 AUG 1978. COOPER

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